

December 16, 1943

Minutes of the Three Hundred and Thirty-Eighth Meeting, a Regular Meeting, of the Texas Highway Commission, held in the State Highway Building at Austin, Texas, with the following members present:

Brady Gentry	Chairman
Reuben Williams	Member
Fred E. Knetsch	Member
D. C. Greer	State Highway Engineer

20327 It is ordered by the Commission that a Regular Meeting of the State Highway Commission be opened at 9:00 A. M., December 16, 1943.

20328 It is ordered by the Commission that each of the following contracts, having been examined by the Commission and it being found that it complies with the order of award by the Commission, is hereby approved in accordance with Section 12, Chapter 186, General Laws of Texas as passed by the 1925 Legislature, 39th Regular Session.

COUNTY	PROJECT	CONTRACTOR
Cameron	D.A.W.R. 89-A(1)	Dodds & Wedegartner, Inc.
Galveston	D.A.W.C. 93-A(1)	General Construction Company
Orange	SN-A-F.A.P. 149-ABC(5.)	Harrison Engineering & Const.Co.
Coryell & Bell	Cont. 184-1-2 Cont. 184-2-5	Harry Campbell
Ellis	Cont. 48-3-15 Cont. 48-4-10 Cont. 48-5-13	Wallace & Bowden

20329 On the following projects for which bids were received on November 12, 1943 and on which contracts have been awarded, an initial construction appropriation of \$541,200.00 is hereby made to be distributed to the projects below:

COUNTY	PROJECT	HWY.	LENGTH	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Cameron	DAWR 89-A(1)	Access	4.454	Grading, Structures, Flex.Base & Asphalt	Laguna Madre Range TO: San Roman	\$ 110,000.00
Galveston	DAWC 93-A(1)	Access	1.499	Grading, Structures, Shell & Asphalt	County S Road TO: Galveston Air Field Closure Road	\$ 55,500.00
Orange	SNA-FAP 149-ABC(5)	US 90	2.925	Concrete Pavement	15th & Green St. TO: 2.925 Mi. N.W.	\$189,000.00
Orange	C-306-1-9	87	1.418	Concrete Pavement	Hwy. 87 TO: Hwy. 90	\$ 67,200.00
Bell	C-184-2-5	36	5.092	Grading & Culverts	10 Mi.N.W.of Temple TO: Coryell Co.L.)	\$ 44,200.00
Coryell	C-184-1-2	36	8.502	Grading & Culverts	Bell Co. Line) TO: 1 Mi. W. of Flat)	

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COUNTY	PROJECT	HWY.	LENGTH	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Ellis	C-48-3-15	US 77	0.038	Widening Structures	N.of Sterrett TO: Waxahachie	\$ 25,600.00
Ellis	C-48-4-10	US 77	0.031	Widening Structures	Waxahachie TO: N. of Forres-ton	\$16,500.00
Ellis	C-48-5-13	US 77	0.073	Widening Structures	S.of Forres-ton TO: Hill Co. Line	\$ 33,200.00
TOTAL						\$ 541,200.00
A.F.E. 43-230						

20330 In the following Counties an appropriation of \$133,700.00 is hereby made in amounts shown opposite the project number for the construction by Day Labor Method under the authority as shown:

COUNTY	PROJECT	HWY.	LENGTH	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Leon	L-335-1-4	7	9.990	Flex.Base & Db1. Asph. Surface	Centerville TO: 9.990 Mi. E. of Centerville	\$ 24,700.00
Edwards	L-235-1-6 L-235-2-4	55	9.00	Grading & Str.	6.5 Mi. S.of Rock Springs TO: 15.6 Mi. S. of Rock Springs	\$ 90,000.00
Howard Glasscock	L-558-5-1 L-558-6-1	RM 33 RM 33	6.325 0.757	Grading, Strs. & Surfacing	From 0.75 Mi.) S. of Co.Line) TO: 0.05 Mi.) S.W. of Hwy.) US 87)	\$ 19,000.00
TOTAL						\$ 133,700.00
A.F.E. 43-231						

20331 It is ordered by the Commission that the following lease agreements executed by the State Highway Engineer are hereby approved:

COUNTY	LOCATION	USE	CONSIDERATION	LEASED FROM	PERIOD
Kerr (1431)	SE Corner of Hugo & Hamilton Streets in Kerrville	Warehouse Site	\$120.00 per year	G.R. Taggart	9-1-43 to 8-31-45
Shelby (1432)	Lots Nos.7,8,9, & 10 in Block 70 at Corner of S. 3rd & Todd in Timpson	Sub-warehouse Site	\$36.00 per year	W.J. Walker & Nannie Graham Walker	10-12-43 to 10-11-48

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COUNTY	LOCATION	USE	CONSIDERATION	LEASED FROM	PERIOD
Johnson (1433)	Tract of land 75' x 150' on North side of for- mer US Hwy.67, West of Cle- burne	Conducting foundation tests for Flight Strip	\$25.00 for two-month period	R.E. Moore	11-18-43 to 1-17-44
Edwards (1434)	19 Mi. NE of Rocksprings on Hwy. 29	Highway Patrol Camp Site	\$10.00 per year	J.H. Guthrie executor, for S.H. Guthrie Est.	11-1-43 to 10-31-45
Jefferson (1435)	On ROW of Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Ry. Co. at Cheek	Site for stor- ing used sucker rods	\$12.00 per year	Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Co.	Continuous
Maverick (537)	On T & NO right-of-way at Eagle Pass	Asphalt stor- age tank site	\$30.00 per year	Texas & New Orleans Rail- road Company	12-21-43 to 12-21-45

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It is ordered by the Commission that the following Municipal Maintenance Agreements executed by the State Highway Engineer are hereby approved:

CITY	HIGHWAY	COUNTY	DISTRICT
Laredo	Loop 20	Webb	21
Laredo	U. S. 83	Webb	21
Laredo	U. S. 81	Webb	21
Laredo	U. S. 59	Webb	21
Laredo	State 202	Webb	21
Pittsburg	State 11 and U. S. 271	Camp	19

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The following agreements supplemental to contracts previously approved and entered into, having been examined and the terms and conditions having been found satisfactory, and it appearing that an additional appropriation of funds will not be required, are hereby approved:

BRAZORIA COUNTY, AI-FAP 351-A and 1037-A, Cage Bros. and H. E. Williams, Contractors, providing for use of OA-30 special asphalt in sealing expansion and contraction joints in concrete pavement instead of joint sealing compound originally specified with reduction in unit price on concrete pavement from \$1.86 to \$1.832 per sq. yd.; estimated decrease in cost \$4,212.15.

CALHOUN COUNTY, SN-FAP 59, Brown & Root, Inc., Contractors, providing for the added item of 86,000 sq. yds. of sand subgrade treatment at unit price of 10¢ per sq. yd.; estimated cost of additional work \$8,600.00.

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DALLAS COUNTY, Control L 94-3-4, Wallace & Bowden, Contractors, providing for the added item of concrete rip rap at unit price of \$20.00 per cu. yd.; estimated cost of additional work \$122.20.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, Control 368-3-7, Harrison Engineering & Construction Corporation, Contractors, providing for the added items of blading at \$5.00 per hour, tamping rolling at \$4.50 per hour and sprinkling at \$1.50 per m. gal.; estimated cost of additional work \$1,295.00.

ORANGE COUNTY, SN-FAP 149-ABC, O. M. Lander, Contractor, providing that contractor be relieved of finishing work on roadway with deduction of \$1,600.00 from final estimate, work performed to be paid for at bid prices.

20334

In ANDREWS COUNTY on FARM HIGHWAY 87 from the intersection of State Highway 51 in Andrews to 16.859 miles west, a distance of 16.859 miles, designated by Minute 20267 dated October 6, 1943, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance is November 8, 1943.

20335

In BASTROP COUNTY, on F. M. HIGHWAY NO. 20, Control L 115-4-5, it is ordered that an increased appropriation of \$19,500.00 be and is hereby made to permit completion of the work now under way.

A.F.E. 43-232

20336

In BURLESON COUNTY, it is ordered that a SPUR be designated from Farm Highway 60 to Snook, a distance of 1.3 miles with the understanding that the State will not assume maintenance of the designation until right-of-way not less than 100 feet in width has been furnished to the State. It is further ordered that an appropriation of \$2,600.00 be and is hereby made for heavy maintenance when the road is accepted by the State in accordance with the conditions given above.

A.F.E. 43-233

20337

In CASS AND MARION COUNTIES, it is ordered that STATE HIGHWAY NO. 300 from Atlanta to a point on State Highway No. 49 be cancelled and that this section be designated as a continuation of STATE HIGHWAY NO. 43.

20338

In COKE COUNTY on RANCH HIGHWAY 18 from 6.177 miles north of Robert Lee to Robert Lee, a distance of 6.177 miles, designated by Minute 19335 dated April 29, 1942, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance is December 1, 1943.

20339

In DENTON, COLLIN AND FANNIN COUNTIES, it is ordered that STATE HIGHWAY NO. 121 be extended an approximate distance of 48 miles, beginning at its present intersection with U. S. Highway No. 77 in Denton County and extending northeast to Trenton, passing through or near the town of McKinney, on condition that no maintenance will be assumed on the extension until it shall have been constructed by the State Highway Department, and on the further condition that no part of an existing road shall be considered as being a part of this extension until and unless it develops when the highway is constructed that a part of an existing traffic facility has been given full utility without destruction. It is further ordered that Minute No. 20210 be amended to allow the section from Bonham to Trenton to be signed as a part of State Highway No. 121.

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In ERATH COUNTY it is ordered that the Public Roads Administration be requested to amend the description of FEDERAL AID ROUTE NO. 94 to read:

From a point on Federal Aid Road No. 1 at Mineral Wells via Stephenville to a point on Federal Aid Road No. 63 northwest of Hico; and from another point on Federal Aid Road No. 63 at Hico via Hamilton to a point on Federal Aid Road No. 69 northwest of Lampasas; with a spur from a point on Federal Aid Route No. 94 south of Stephenville over Graham Street to a point on Federal Aid Route No. 10 in Stephenville.

20341

In GALVESTON COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 87, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$8,700.00 be and is hereby made to repair and strengthen Bolivar Ferry slipwalls and movable span. This work is to be performed on a force account basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 43-234

20342

In GRAY COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 66, it is ordered that the proposed project covering the work of reconditioning the present pavement by cement stabilizing the base and placing asphaltic concrete surface from McLean to the Wheeler County line as authorized under Minute No. 19275 dated April 28, 1942 at an estimated cost of \$29,764.63 be canceled.

It is further ordered by the Commission that the \$29,764.63 set up on the above project be transferred to a proposed project on U. S. HIGHWAY 66 in CARSON COUNTY from the Potter County line to the Gray County line, a distance of 30.68 miles for the purpose of widening shoulders and filling ditches. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

20343

In HARDIN AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES on STATE HIGHWAY 326 from Sour Lake to Nome, a distance of approximately 9.0 miles, designated by Minute 20249 dated October 6, 1943, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance was October 30, 1943.

20344

In HASKELL COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 277, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$21,007.00 be and is hereby appropriated to cover the cost of leveling rough concrete pavement with Mud Jack from Haskell to the Knox County Line, (Sections) a distance of 17.598 miles. This work is to be performed by the day labor method through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 43-235

20345

In HIDALGO AND WILLACY COUNTIES on FARM HIGHWAY 88 from the junction of State Highway 186 to the junction of State Highway 107 in Elsa, a distance of 14.044 miles, designated by Minute 20203 dated November 16, 1943, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance is November 17, 1943.

20346

In JACK COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 148, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$14,800.00 be and is hereby made for the lengthening of the North Creek Bridge. This work is to be performed through the Maintenance Division.

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In JASPER COUNTY, on U. S. HIGHWAY 190, Control L 244-3-15, it is ordered that an appropriation of \$5,200.00 be and is hereby made for the construction of a relief bridge approximately 800' East of Sandy Creek. This work to be done in conjunction with the work now under way on this section of U. S. Highway 190.

A.F.E. 43-237

20348

In JEFFERSON COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 87, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$2,871.48 be and is hereby made to cover the State's portion of the cost of repairs to the fender system of the Intracoastal Canal Bridge.

A.F.E. 43-238

20349

In PALO PINTO AND PARKER COUNTIES on U. S. HIGHWAY 180, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$15,730.00 be and is hereby made for placing bituminous concrete pavement over the present surface from Ninth Avenue in Mineral Wells to 0.629 miles east of the Palo Pinto County line, a distance of 3.254 miles. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 43-239

20350

In PALO PINTO COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAYS 180 and 281 in Mineral Wells, in response to request from the Mayor, the State Highway Engineer is directed to consummate an agreement with the City under the terms of Highway Commission Minute No. 20264, relating to municipal policy to provide for State maintenance and betterment. An appropriation of \$15,000.00 is hereby made for surface betterment on approximately 0.8 mile of U. S. Highway 281 and on approximately 1.4 miles of U. S. Highway 180, all conditioned upon the execution of a satisfactory agreement.

A.F.E. 43-240

20351

WHEREAS, in TAYLOR COUNTY, the desirability of designating and maintaining a Farm to Market Road, extending from Abilene to and into the Lake Abilene State Park, is under consideration; and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through its constituted authority has requested this designation and maintenance and has pledged that the County will retain full and complete responsibility for the full and final payment of all indebtedness prevailing against the road; and

WHEREAS, in offering to retain full responsibility for indebtedness prevailing against the road they recognize the financial gain that will accrue to the County from State assumption of the expense of future maintenance along the proposed designation; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, makes possible County retention of prevailing indebtedness on Farm to Market Roads designated by the Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commission in its deliberation of the merits of this designation and maintenance has taken into consideration the policy of allowing County indebtedness to remain with the County, as well as the enabling legislation therefor;

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NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that a Farm to Market Road be and is hereby designated extending from Abilene to and into Lake Abilene State Park, a distance of approximately 18.9 miles, said road to be signed for the guidance of the traveling public as a FARM TO MARKET HIGHWAY from Abilene to the State Park entrance, a distance of approximately 17.3 miles and as a PARK HIGHWAY for the approximate 1.6 miles within the Park area, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to inaugurate negotiations with Taylor County to consummate an agreement whereby the County and/or Road District, acting by and through the Commissioners Court, in consideration of this designation and maintenance will retain full responsibility for all prevailing indebtedness against the road or roads that may serve either temporarily or permanently as a part of this designation, all as permitted under Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, and furnish such right-of-way as may be required. This order of the Highway Commission will not become effective until the agreement has been executed by the authorized officials of Taylor County and the State Highway Department.

20352

In TAYLOR COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 83, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$88,785.00 be and is hereby made to cover the work of constructing flexible base, leveling sections of pavement with mudjack, and rebuilding and widening fill sections from the intersection of U. S. Highway 84 to the Runnels County Line, a distance of 14.413 miles, conditional that Taylor County will provide a right-of-way of 100 feet minimum width except through towns and villages. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 43-241

20353

In UVALDE COUNTY it is ordered that SPUR NO. 1 extending from U. S. Highway No. 90 approximately 1.5 miles west of Uvalde south to the U. S. Fish Hatchery, as designated by Highway Commission Minute No. 15703, be and is hereby canceled. It is further ordered that Highway Commission Minute No. 19857 authorizing an extension of this Spur No. 1 be and is hereby canceled. This action of the Commission is taken since the extension has been barricaded and in consequence the Spur is no longer of service to the general public.

20354

It is with sadness and sincere regret that we record the passing of George Grover Wickline, our beloved Bridge Engineer, who departed this life November 27, 1943.

Mr. Wickline had served as Bridge Engineer for the Texas Highway Department since 1918 and in point of service was the oldest member of the engineering staff. The outstanding accomplishment of his long and successful career was the Neches River Bridge between Port Arthur and Orange, the largest bridge ever built by the Department. This and many other bridges throughout the State, designed and constructed under his supervision, will stand as a lasting monument to his ability.

Through all of his years of service, through all the vicissitudes of the Department, Mr. Wickline's unswerving loyalty and unquestionable integrity set him out as a man whose example is well worthy of emulation.

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The Texas Highway Commission extends to the members of his family its heartfelt sympathy and assures them it fully realizes the great loss sustained by the Texas Highway Department in the passing of this beloved member of the organization.

It is hereby ordered that this expression of sympathy and appreciation be placed in the official minutes of the State Highway Commission and a copy be sent to Mrs. Wickline and family.

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It is ordered by the Commission that the Regular Meeting of State Highway Commission be closed at 6:30 P. M., December 16, 1943.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages constitute the full, true and correct record of all proceedings and official orders of the State Highway Commission at its Three Hundred and Thirty-Eighth Meeting, a regular meeting held at Austin, Texas on December 16, 1943.

Helen Leonard
CHIEF MINUTE CLERK
TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION